

(2) whether they will be pleased to order the reconstruction of it this year?

Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The building is not in a dangerous condition now. But its roof, however, requires reconstruction.

(2) Funds are not available for reconstruction of it this year.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What will be the amount required for this work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have stated in the answer that the building is not in a dangerous condition now. It can wait till next year.

The Bungalow and premises of Mr. P. I. Verghese rented by the Government.

358. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) when was the bungalow and premises of Mr. P. I. Verghese rented by the Government;

(b) what were the terms under which they were rented?

(c) what amount has been spent by the State (i) for rent; (ii) for repairs and (iii) for salaries;

(2) (a) what is the rent charged by the Government per day on occupants of the bungalow;

(b) how many people occupied the buildings on rent in 1108, 1109, 1110 and 1111 till this day; what amounts were collected by way of rent from the occupants in 1108, 1109, 1110 and 1111;

(3) was the building used by State Guests in 1108, 1109 or 1110; if so, on how many occasions and for how many days;

(4) was there any negotiation to purchase the property; if so, for what price?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) (a) On 30—5—1932.

(b) That the Government would pay a rent of Rs. 70 per mensem and attend to P. C. R. works.

(c) (i) 2,623—14—0 up to the end of 1110.

(ii) 144—3—6 for P. C. R. works.

(iii) 111—0—0 Sweeping charges.

(2) (a) Re. 0—8—0 per day for each member.

(b) The number of persons who occupied the building during each of the four years is not readily available. The total collection of rent up to the end of 1110 is Rs. 168—4—0. The collection in 1111 is Rs. 4.

3. Yes; State Guests were accommodated in the building on several occasions. It is not possible to give the correct information regarding the number of occasions and the days of such halts as no special records were kept for these.

4. There was a proposal to acquire the property but the matter was dropped.

Construction of Town halls in Trichur, Ernakulam and Mattancheri.

359. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to build Town Halls in Trichur, Ernakulam and Mattancheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Government have decided to build Town Halls in Trichur and Ernakulam in memory of the Silver Jubilee of His late Majesty.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—May I know what meritorious services have been rendered by the people of Trichur and Ernakulam to get a Town Hall each and not Mattancheri also?

Mr. President.—Because they are not as rich as people in Mattancheri, who can afford to have a Town Hall of their own. (Laughter)

Designs submitted for the Town Hall at Ernakulam.

360. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) are the Government aware that competitive designs for a Town Hall and Library were called for during the Diwan-ship of Sir Banerji and prizes were awarded for approved designs;

(b) will the Government be pleased to place those designs on the table and to state whether there is any objection to any of these designs being adopted for the new Town Hall?